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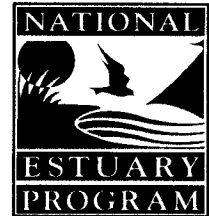
In

Recognition of

The 20th Anniversary of the National Estuary Program

by

The United States Environmental Protection Agency



Whereas, The National Estuary Program was established under the Water Quality Act of 1987, and effectively implements Clean Water Act programs at the local level, and

Whereas, The National Estuary Program encompasses 28 successful community-based programs fully engaging the public in a collaborative decision-making process, and

Whereas, The National Estuary Program is a premier watershed program, an example of effective cooperative conservation, and a national model for how to manage resources on a watershed basis, and

Whereas, The National Estuary Program has achieved significant environmental results thereby protecting water quality, benefiting living resources, providing economic sustainability, and enhancing quality of life for millions of Americans, and

Whereas, The National Estuary Program accomplishments are a result of the tireless efforts of a multitude of dedicated Federal, State and local stakeholders.

It is hereby pronounced that on this day, EPA's Office of Water recognizes and applauds these National Estuary Programs and their crucial partners, along with all the wonderful volunteers, who have worked so diligently over the years to protect and restore these 28 estuaries across the country.

By this Pronouncement, we encourage all citizens to learn more about estuaries and to take an active role in protecting and restoring them for generations to come.

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Benjamin H. Grumbles
Assistant Administrator for Water

A handwritten date "November 1, 2007" is written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Date